



## Here's why you should join the SAL

The American Legion | February 21, 2024



In Matt Chastain's experience through 25 years in the communications industry, the best way to communicate with someone is to tell a

story.

So, when he was asked to figure out a way to help grow membership in the Sons of The American Legion, it was the story of how he became an SAL member that he drew upon.

The result: videos depicting how Chastain came to join Squadron 123 at James T. Rayle Post 123 in Lexington, Ga. Those videos can be used by squadrons, posts, and others to highlight the SAL and what it means to be a member.

Chastain credits George Gray, the former squadron adjutant, and Detachment of Georgia commander, for selling him on the SAL.

"George is exactly who he is depicted to be in the video and *more*. If every community, every post, every squadron just had a few Georges, the world would be a better place!" Chastain said. "When George believes in something as much as he does the mission of the SAL, he gives it everything he has. So, he's always recruiting."

The video depicts Gray first talking with Chastain at a cookout. While Chastain accepted the membership application Gray gave him, he admits he forgot about it.

A few months later, Chastain's friend Jesse invites him to karaoke at Post 123. This time, Chastain signs up.

For reenacting that part of the story for the video, Jesse wasn't available. "So, another buddy of mine

played the role of Jesse. He was only there for maybe two hours but before he left, George had recruited him to join the SAL!

"All this to say that George never stops recruiting and when I was asked to come up with an idea for a recruitment video, I thought that there's no more effective communication tool than storytelling, so why not just tell a true story?"

In talking about why membership in the SAL is important, Chastain brought up another story.

"Back before Christmas, I had the honor of participating in a Flags Across America event put on by our local American Legion and SAL in conjunction with my son's Trail Life USA troop. Of course, it was amazing to hear from a handful of local veterans and family members of fallen heroes. It was also rewarding for Legion/SAL members and Trail Life boys to work together laying wreaths.

"But at the end of the event, I got into a conversation with a young veteran who had lost eight of his fellow veterans to suicide. Hearing his story of how difficult life can be — especially disabled vets like him — gave me such a better perspective on why organizations like The Legion and SAL do what they do. America's heritage must be preserved if our country is to be preserved. There's no better way to preserve our heritage than to serve the men and women who fought to protect it."

Three versions of Chastain's story — a fullscreen version, a square version for social media and a short "elevator pitch" — are available to download at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/5594123>.

# Round-Up

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## From the Editor

CONGRATULATIONS to the Detachment of South Dakota for reaching quota and taking over first place in the national standings. Way to go!

### Who's next?

Let's all make sure we are working our membership program, and let's see how many more detachments will reach quota by the end of March. You can do it!

To all our members who are currently in Washington, DC for our annual Wreath Laying Ceremonies, enjoy the moment, take it all in, honor those who have gone before us, and have safe travels home!

**Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible.**

**RENEW TODAY!**

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# Remembering the Greatest Generation

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## George T. Christmas



AUSTINTOWN — George T. Christmas, 101, of Victoria House, Austintown, formerly of Canfield, passed away peacefully Friday afternoon, Feb. 16, 2024.

George was born Jan. 17, 1923, in Baltimore, Maryland, a son of the late Alfred G. and Beatrice White Christmas. He came to this area as a young child, growing

up on the West Side and graduating from Chaney High School in 1941.

George worked as a machinist during World War II for Metal Carbides and then was a mechanic for Donnell Ford for 23 years. In 1971, he became the senior auto mechanic instructor at MCTC until 1988, when he retired.

George was a motorcycle enthusiast, riding motorcycles until the age of 90. He also loved all forms of auto racing, especially sports cars, IndyCar and Formula One. After his retirement, George took up woodworking, making beautiful furniture.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, the former M. Arlene Miller, whom he married Nov. 27, 1943, and who passed away Aug. 30, 1999; and his second wife, the former Geraldine Newman, whom he married Nov. 1, 2000, and who passed away, Aug. 24, 2016.

He leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Elaine Mandoline Christmas of Genoa, and an extended family of sons and daughters of close friends. Special thanks to the staff of Victoria House for making his life enjoyable over the last three and a half years.

Friends may call 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024, at Lane Funeral Homes, Canfield Chapel, followed by a service at 1 p.m.

The family has requested no flowers, due to allergies.

The family requests material tributes take the form of contributions to the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147.

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## Robert L. Bristo

Central National Vice-Commander

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### REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Second Wednesday Quarterly

September 13, 2023 | December 13, 2023

March 13, 2024 | June 12, 2024

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***“Americans will put up with anything as long as it doesn't block traffic!” - Dan Rather***

Blocking traffic huh? How did everyone survive **“The Day the Earth Stood Still”** on Thursday February 22nd? when the AT & T cell phone system took a vacation? For a few brief hours, we all had to figure out how to survive without our little flat screen handcuffs!

**How refreshing was that?** So, let's talk about traffic and driving... **Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations!** We all are working hard on getting to our final goal of reaching 100% in membership! So, we need to do more things that make us forget to check our phones! We need to go after those members that have not yet renewed! We need to recruit new members into our organization! we need to continue the hard work we do every day for our Veterans!

T. S. Eliot once said – ***“Only those who risk going too far can find out how far they can go.”*** How far do you want to go, my brothers? How much more can we do to further our mission? We have the **DRIVE**, we have the **MISSION**, we have the **POWER** to achieve the goals we have set! Remember how far we have come, not just how far we have to go. We are not where we want to be, but neither are we where we used to be!

Now for our numbers...

The Central Region jumped back into 2nd place with a move of 1.61%. This puts us 1.98 behind the Southeast Region and ahead of the Northeast Region by .19% and the Midwest Region by 1.03%. Illinois had the biggest gain with 2.16% added from the last report

followed by Ohio who gained 2.07%. **Way to go to the Illini and the Buckeyes!** The Detachment of Indiana moved up 1.73% with Wisconsin pushing ahead 1.41% keeping them in first place yet again! Michigan also gained 1.41% followed by Kentucky (0.66%), Minnesota (0.37%) and West Virginia (0.31%) to close out the Region.

Keep moving my fellow members! Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go! Keep turning in that membership! Keep sending in your IRA applications and keep up the good work. Remember Henry Ford once said... – ***“You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do!”*** In the Central Region we will reach and exceed our goals!

***“I'm the ONE, You're the ONE, BE the ONE!”***

For the Commander, **“Believe and Succeed”**

*Butch Ray, Central Region Membership Chairman*

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## John R. Cook

Northeast National Vice-Commander

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March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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## James R. Fischer

Western National Vice-Commander

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March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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# RENEW!

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## Terry A. Harris

Midwest National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday Quarterly

September 27, 2023 | December 27, 2023

March 27, 2024 | June 26, 2024

7:00 p.m. Mountain | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
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## Linwood A. Moore

Southeast National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

First Wednesday Quarterly

September 6, 2023 | December 6, 2023

March 6, 2024 | June 5, 2024

8:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
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Southeast Region we are looking good with all 12 Detachments over the 75% and a couple have already reached over 80% and more. Let's keep going forward and don't look back.

I am so proud of the Southeast Region leading the way all year. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!

# BE THE ONE

If you're a veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat) or text 838255.

## Ohio Legionnaires bring Be the One to schools

The American Legion | February 22, 2024

Members of American Legion Post 221 in Massillon, Ohio, recently took the opportunity to recognize teachers and share the Legion's Be the One suicide prevention mission.



In celebration of Valentine's Day last week, Post 221 visited 18 elementary schools and delivered teachers a tumbler with hearts, American flags, Be the One stickers and thank you cards.



"I thought it would be a good idea to say how much we love our teachers, and it would be good to go visit them and share about Be the One," said Post 221 Commander Larry Stottsberry.

Stickers of The American Legion emblem were placed on the back of the tumblers "so when they use the cup, they see that we care for them," Stottsberry said. The American flags were for the teachers to use however they like, with many of them telling post members it would go on their home's front porch. "It was really good that we could do that for them." And the home-made thank you cards had a photo of Post 221 members that was placed in each teacher's lounge.

As Stottsberry handed out Be the One stickers, he shared with teachers and principals how they could visit [betheone.org](https://betheone.org) to learn more about the Legion's suicide prevention mission and the resources available.

"The teachers have access to listening to the students, they notice everything that goes on at home and if a student doesn't want to talk to their parents, the next best thing is a teacher," Stottsberry said. "If the teachers hear about a student or even a parent (in crisis), then they would know how to help with Be the One." Stottsberry said that "it felt really good" for he and the other post members – Pat Patterson, Howard Marrotto, Barrett Scott and Rich Mortland – to recognize the teachers. "They don't get recognized enough for all they do." And the post plans to visit high schools this spring and provide the same recognition and education on Be the One.

## 7 ways to Be the One during March

The American Legion | February 23, 2024

The American Legion's Be the One mission encourages American Legion Family members, veterans, servicemembers and others to act when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide. It's a mission to help destigmatize the need to ask for help. It's a mission to save the lives of veterans.



Hilary Ott /The American Legion

The following are seven ways you can Be the One during the month of March.

- Wear a Be the One item on March 1 – and the first of every month – to show your commitment to reducing the stigma around mental health issues among veterans and servicemembers. And to start a conversation about what Be the One is and how to save the life of a veteran. Need Be the One gear? You can purchase a [Be the One shirt](#) or other merchandise through American Legion [Emblem Sales](#).
- Read the new Be the One newsletter that kicks off March 1 and share it with others. The Be the One e-newsletter will be distributed to those subscribed to the Online Update. Need to sign up? You can easily do so by visiting [legion.org/newsletters](https://legion.org/newsletters) and click on Online Update to subscribe.
- [Download and listen](#) to the next Be the One podcast episode, out March 1. You also can listen to past episodes at [betheone.org](https://betheone.org). Don't miss when this episode drops, and all future Be the One podcast episodes, by subscribing to the American Legion's Tango Alpha newsletter at [legion.org/newsletters](https://legion.org/newsletters).
- Create a Be the One event at your post, perhaps timed with the Legion's 105th birthday on March 15, and invite the community. There are many resources available to promote Be the One at [this](#)

[web page](#). These resources include Be the One posters, customizable brochures, a banner, wallet cards and more.

- Conduct VA S.A.V.E. suicide prevention training at your post for Legion Family and community members. [Download this information sheet](#) to help you get started.
- Host an INDYCAR watch party at your post March 10 – the first race of the season in St. Petersburg, Fla., where INDYCAR rookie Linus Lundqvist is behind the wheel of the No. 8 American Legion Honda, which will prominently feature The American Legion and Be the One branding on its livery. Visit [betheone.org/resources](https://betheone.org/resources) for tips to hosting a watch party.
- Share your Be the One post activities and stories, including your support for Be the One on the first of every month, on [Legiontown](#) under the Be the One category.

## National Commissions and Committees

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### Americanism Commission

Chris Casey, Chairman  
Third Monday Bi-Monthly  
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February 19, 2024 | April 15, 2024  
June 17, 2024 | August 19, 2024

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**LET THEM KNOW WE CARE!**

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Joe Gladden, Chairman  
Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly  
October 10, 2023 | December 12, 2023  
March 13, 2024 | April 9, 2024  
June 11, 2024 | August 13, 2024

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## Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave, Chairman  
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January 18, 2024 | March 21, 2024  
May 16, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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## Children & Youth Committee

Joseph Lohman, Chairman  
Second Monday Bi-Monthly  
September 11, 2023 | November 13, 2023  
January 8, 2024 | March 11, 2024  
May 13, 2024 | July 8, 2024

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## Finance Commission

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William G. Hill, Chairman  
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September 21, 2023 | February 15, 2024  
April 18, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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## Internal Affairs Commission

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Christopher Michel, Chairman  
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October 26, 2023 | December 28, 2023  
February 22, 2024 | April 25, 2024  
June 27, 2024 | August 22, 2024

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## Legislative Commission

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Blair Miles, Chairman  
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October 12, 2023 | December 14, 2023  
February 8, 2024 | April 11, 2024  
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## Member Training & Development Committee

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Michael Cotton, Chairman  
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September 4, 2023 | November 6, 2023  
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## Membership & Squadron Activities Committee

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Daryl VerStrete Jr., Chairman  
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May 21, 2024 | July 16, 2024

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The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at [www.legion.org/membership/standings](http://www.legion.org/membership/standings).

**SAL Online Renewal** - members can login and renew direct via [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org) or quick renew by clicking here [SAL Online Renewal](#).

**SAL New Member Kit** is now online and ready for purchase. [New Member Kit \(SAL\) - American Legion Flag & Emblem](#).

Awards are an important motivating tool that can help us not only finish out this year strong but help to catapult us to a fast start next year! Has your detachment already won one of these awards? Are you close?

- Arthur D. Houghton Trophy is awarded annually to the Detachment who attains the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year's membership.



- The Hartline Award is presented to the Detachment that charts the most new squadrons.
- The Triple Nickel Award is awarded to any Detachment that achieves a membership of 105%, charts 5 new Squadrons, and attains an 85% renewal rate by July 1.
- Regional Renewal Awards are presented to the Detachment in each Region who achieved the highest renewal percentages of December 31 with at least 200 members.

Of course, in addition to these Detachment awards we also have 90% renewal awards, 100% membership awards, and All-Time High awards. I would love to hand out a record number of these at the National Convention this year!

Here's something that you can use:

The **elevator speech** is a short summary used to quickly and simply define an organization and its value proposition. It is designed to capture someone's interest, so they want to find out more about the organization.

The name reflects the idea that it should be possible to deliver the summary in the time span of an elevator ride.

*Good Morning (Afternoon, or Evening)-*

*I bet you are wondering what branch of service my cap represents.*

*It Honors all Veterans of the Great Wars.*

*I am a member of the world's largest Volunteer Veterans Organization, The American Legion. Our program, known as the Sons of the American Legion, is a brotherhood made up of Sons, Grandsons, and Stepsons of Legion Members. We are Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage and are 380,000 plus members, strong and growing.*

*We promote the ideas and programs of the four pillars of the American Legion, they are Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Children and Youth Foundation, and Americanism. We are always looking for new members who want to help our veterans and their families.*

*Can I interest you in a brochure that explains what we do for our Country, Family, and Veterans?*

More membership information and samples appear later in this edition.

## National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd, Chairman

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September 12 2023 | November 14, 2023

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## Public & Media Communications Committee

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February 27, 2024 | April 23, 2024

June 25, 2024 | August 27, 2024

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## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

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June 10, 2024 | August 12, 2024

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## Veterans Employment & Education Commission

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Jim Coates, Chairman  
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February 15, 2024 | April 18, 2024  
June 20, 2024 | August 15, 2024

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### Hartland Sons of The American Legion raises \$100,000 for homeless veterans

[Freeman Staff](#) | February 24, 2024

Hartland, WI — The Hartland Sons of The American Legion's fifth annual Operation Homeless Veterans sleep-out fundraiser raised a total of \$100,000 for two Wisconsin veteran nonprofits.

On Feb. 9 and 10, the Sons and community partners slept out in the Legion parking lot in tents and cardboard boxes to raise funding and awareness for the homeless veteran crisis. The \$100,000 was raised through donations from community members and businesses and through raffles; it will be split 50-50 and presented to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and the Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin. Both organizations supply veterans in need with resources and temporary housing. Each year, MHVI and VOW also bring trucks to the Legion post to be filled with donations of clothing and food.

Chairman of the event Terry Casper said the first year the Sons hosted the fundraiser, they raised roughly \$20,000. Since then, that number has only increased as the event gains popularity.





## Navy Reservist: The Legion Riders saved my life

The American Legion | February 16, 2024

Stephani replied to you

This past weekend we had an excellent training on the SAVE p...

The riders saved my life! I got to ride along with them and become part of that family. It really pulled me out of my depression and start to find myself. I don't think I'd be here today if it wasn't for them.



19:43

Stephani Williamson was in a bad place in 2023.

Her mother had passed away, and she went through a divorce. But at a point where she said she'd become emotionally numb, she met a group of American Legion Riders at Chapter 149 in Escondido, Calif., who changed her life. Literally.

Williamson, currently in her 17th year serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve, shared her experience with the riders in the [American Legion Friends](#) Facebook group when she was taking part in the group's Be the One chat. It came in the form of a few simple sentences, but it captured exactly how Williamson felt:

*"The Riders changed my life! I got to ride along with them and become part of that family. It really pulled me out of my depression and start to find myself. I don't think I'd be here today if it wasn't for them."*

One of the page's administrators, Whitney Smith McIntosh, was in the chat and reached out to Williamson, asking if she could share the message on other Facebook pages.

McIntosh – the Department of Iowa chaplain, adjutant at American Legion Post 682 in Altoona and secretary for Baldwin-Patterson American Legion Riders Chapter 274 in Des Moines – wanted to make fellow Legion Riders aware of the impact they have on others.

"I wanted to show, 'Hey, look guys, this is what we're doing,'" McIntosh said. "I love the Legion. They're my family. But I love the Riders. If there's anything I can do to further the Riders, I'll do it."

Williamson is in the process of joining American Legion Post 93 in Camp Verde, Ariz., and said she'd

recently moved to the state when she connected with Chapter 149 while attending a dinner at the post with her son.

Because of lower back injuries that have caused nerve damage, Williamson cannot ride on her own, and while talking with the Riders she remarked how much she'd still like to be able to get on a bike.

That's when the Riders invited her on their next ride. At first, she rode on the back of a friend's trike, but on later rides she rode as a passenger of different Legion Riders.

"They're all my big brothers," Williamson said of the group. "They let me come on rides with them. I've done poker runs with them. All but one of my kids have gone on rides. They've even given each of my kids nicknames."

Williamson said meeting the Riders helped her turn her life around. "They were just a godsend to me," she said. "I was going through my mother's passing and pretty much just became a shell. The antidepressants I was on, they made me feel nothing."

"Riding was so much more than just riding to me. You're not on your phone, you're not multi-tasking. You're not doing anything but sitting there and taking in the scenery and maybe listening to music. It would take the first 10-20 minutes of the ride to calm me, and then ... there were times when I literally could imagine my mom flying right there beside us."

But Chapter 149 provided Williamson with more than time on the road. "These guys helped me when I finally decided to leave my husband," she said. "They are the ones that through a trailer on the back of one of their trucks and came over to help me load everything up. They literally just became family."

Eventually, Williamson got connected with the American Legion Friends Facebook group. McIntosh said the group's Be the One chat was set up as a forum for members of the group to ask questions about Be the One and receive mentoring. It also serves as a way to get members who might be approaching crisis mode to get local assistance.

"Let's say if I ran into someone who needed immediate help but they're in Arizona," McIntosh said. "I would hop on the chat and say, 'Hey, who here is from Arizona? I have somebody who needs you.' And we would kind of branch out like that."



But McIntosh said the chat now has evolved into a “share your stories chat.” And that’s where Williamson shared hers.

“I saw everyone was talking about suicide prevention. And it reminded me of (the experiences with Chapter 149),” Williamson said. “When I was at my very lowest, these guys and gals, they pulled me out of that. They gave me a family I could count on and a purpose. It kind of woke me up and feel like I wanted to be a part of the Legion and be a part of programs like that. “From there, it was just a trickle of events that have completely altered the course of my life to being the amazing life I have now. And it all started with being outside talking to two motorcycle riders.”



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The event will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport. There will be events planned for both Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as a great day of training and educational opportunities.

If you would like to be a presenter, or have a topic you would like covered, please send an email to [jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com](mailto:jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com).

Hotel reservations must be made directly with Embassy Suites Columbus Airport. Click [here](#) for hotel information. The deadline to make hotel reservations is March 6, 2024.

Please keep an eye out for more information, and we hope to see you in Columbus!

We are still accepting donations from squadrons, districts, and detachments to help offset the expenses of CRE24. If you would like to help, please email [jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com](mailto:jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com) for details.

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## David Lee Stevens



David Lee Stevens, 76, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:42 am, Friday, February 16, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on January 19, 1948, in Wabash, to Max L. and Mary B. (Clark) Stevens.

Dave was a graduate of Wabash High School and Ball State University. He married Virginia "Ginni" Goad at the Corinth United Methodist Church in Muncie, Indiana on July 19, 1969. He owned and operated Stevens Marketing Services.

Dave was a member of the Wabash Christian Church, the Wabash Elks Lodge, where he was a past Exalted Ruler, a 50 year member of the Hanna Masonic Lodge #61, a 25 year member of the Sons of the American Legion, and a life member of the American Waterworks Association. He loved music and enjoyed playing the trombone. He was a cat lover, and also enjoyed golfing, swimming in his backyard pool, and going on cruises. He and Ginni went on 55 cruises together.

He is survived by his wife, Ginni Stevens of Wabash; and three brothers-in-law, Gary Rust of Wabash, Vic (Flo Douglas) Goad of Fishers, Indiana, and Virgil (Judy) Goad Jr. of Greenwood, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Sheryl Rust.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 22, 2024, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Ron Zorn officiating. Entombment will be in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum, Wabash. Friends may call 5-7 pm Wednesday, at the funeral home, concluding with an Elks Remembrance Service at 7:00 pm. There will also be visitation from 1-2 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Dave may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Published by Wabash Plain Dealer on Feb. 19, 2024.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](http://Sympathy Store).

## Daniel Frederick Platt



MARQUETTE - Daniel Frederick Platt, 66, of Marquette, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2024, at his home.

Daniel was born June 9, 1957 in Great Lakes, IL, the son of Leonard Arthur and Marcella Anna (Fallmer) Platt. He lived in a number of places while growing up, moving to Michigan in 1967 where he resided in Ann Arbor and Dexter. He was a 1976 graduate of the Dexter High School. Daniel moved with his parents to Marquette in September 2001.

He was employed through Pathways, working with the Meals on Wheels program at the Lost Creek kitchen site.

Daniel was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church where he was an altar server and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 44. He enjoyed riding his bicycle, walking, playing his records, attending NMU hockey games and he was a fan of Michigan sports teams.

Survivors include his niece, Susan (Jason) Neumeier of Escanaba and a nephew, James Harrington of Petoskey, MI; great-nieces & nephews, Luke, Ben and Jacob Anthony, Annabelle, Irene and Ulric Neumeier. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Harrington.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 23, 2024 from 12 Noon to 1 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A service will be held in the church at 1 pm with Rev. Bob Railey officiating. Interment will take place in Lakeview Cemetery in Escanaba. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to [The Special Olympics](http://The Special Olympics).

Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral Home is assisting the family where memories may be shared at [www.fassbenderswansonhansen.com](http://www.fassbenderswansonhansen.com).

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Daniel, please visit our floral store.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](http://Sympathy Store).

## Robert Oliver McCargar



Born April 30, 1945, in Los Angeles, Ca, and was called by Our Lord January 25, 2024, in California City, Ca. at the age of 78. He was affectionately known around town by his friends as "Baker Bob." Bob was a big hearted and kind man who was always willing to help a friend, loved one or even a stranger in need.

Bob was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and a member of the Sons Of the American Legion.

Bob lived his life as an expert carpenter and a top-notch machinist. He was an avid golfer and loved camping, fishing, and playing pool. He grew up playing baseball, loved his Dodgers and was the #1 fan of the KC Chiefs.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents John (Bob) & Frances (Fran) McCargar. He is also survived by siblings, Debbie Aiken, Lynda Critchfield, and Jack McCargar, also his two daughters Juli Rude-Markham, of Wildomar, Ca, and Evie Cooper of Saranac Lake, Ny, ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren and lots & lots of nieces and nephews.

Bob will be greatly missed. "Praise God for his peace, it is through his peace we can do all things and endure so much."

A celebration of Life to remember & honor Bob, will be held at the American Legion Post 476, 8108 Bay Ave., California City Ca 93505, on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Love you, Bob. Rest in Peace.

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## Karl Everett Fernald



Karl Everett Fernald, 57, of Rochester, NH, passed away on February 17, 2024 after a 3-year battle with cancer.

Karl was born on April 15, 1966 in Northampton, MA. He was the son of Gayle Louise (Beaupre) and Lauris Everett Fernald, Jr. Karl attended school in Westhampton, MA including Hampshire Regional High School.

In 1984, his family moved from western Massachusetts to Dover, NH. Karl worked many years as a Mechanical Assembler and Shift Leader at Heidelberg/Goss International in Dover, NH. He then worked at Parker Hannifin in Kittery, ME. His last job was at Spaulding Composites in Rochester, NH as a Manual Machinist.

Karl was a longtime member of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) at the American Legion Post #8 in Dover, NH. He enjoyed playing pool there.

Karl loved early morning drives to see and hear the animals in the woods and fields before the rest of the world awoke. He loved hunting and fishing. He enjoyed reloading his own ammunition. He loved classic muscle cars. His pride and joy for many years was his 1967 Chevy Chevelle Super Sport. It was given to him by his grandfather when he was 16 years old. Karl and his friends spent many, many hours in his little garage. He enjoyed his CB radio and was known by many as "Screamer". From a young age, he loved taking things apart and putting them back together again to see how they worked. He loved history. He loved his Jeep. He loved animals and had many special pets throughout the years. He enjoyed music. He loved the country. Karl had several collections, including a "one lung" steam engine. Karl was intelligent, friendly, and outgoing. He would help anyone in need. His smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Karl is survived by his daughters, Hannah Fernald of Portland, ME and Rachel Fernald of Sanford, ME. His mother, Gayle Beaupre of Easthampton, MA, his sister, his "adopted" sister Marilyn Witherell of Westhampton, MA. aunts, uncles, and cousins. Karl also leaves behind many, many special

friends. He was predeceased by his father Lauris Fernald, Jr. Burial and celebration of life to take place in the spring.

Posted online on February 22, 2024.

Published in Portsmouth Herald/Foster's Daily Democrat/Seacoast Sunday, Portsmouth Herald/Foster's Daily Democrat/Seacoast Sunday.

### Theodore M. Trewer



Theodore M. Trewer, 71, of Gowanda passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at Bertrand Chaffee Hospital in Springville. He was born on September 12, 1952 in Warsaw, the son of Wilfred and Chlorena (Shaver) Trewer.

Following in his father's footsteps, Ted chose a career as a railroad conductor, hiring out with Erie Lackawanna, then Conrail, and retiring with CSX with 42 years of service. Ted was also a train enthusiast and spent many hours of enjoyment on his HO Scale Layout. He loved to play with trains.

Ted proudly served as a volunteer firefighter with over 50 years of service with the East Avon and Collins fire departments. After his retirement, Ted spent many volunteer hours mowing and helping to maintain the beauty of the Pine Hill Cemetery.

Ted was an avid Yankee and Pittsburgh Steelers fan, but in the end, the Buffalo Bills managed to also win his heart.

Ted was a member of the Collins Center Seniors; the Sons of the American Legion; the Gowanda Moose; the Slovenian Club; and the Gowanda United Methodist Church, where he served as Treasurer.

Ted is survived by his wife, Susan (Farley) Trewer; two sisters, Pam (Tom) Henie and MaryAnn (Bob) Exler; his children, Christopher Trewer, Cory (Christina) Trewer and Kelly (Mike) Poquette; as well as grandchildren, Haley, Joseph, Jacob, Emma, Sophie, and Nate. Ted was the bonus dad to two daughters, JoAnn (Bryan) Mentley and Rachael (Dave Myers) Nixon; and bonus grandpa to Zachary, Makenzie, Isaiah, Hayden, and Elizabeth. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, LuAnn (David) Billings, Vickie (Randy) Shields and Judy Payne, and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents,

Ted was predeceased by a brother-in-law, David Farley (Sue Prince surviving).

Friends may call on Thursday, February 22 from 3:00-6:00 PM and Friday, February 23 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM from the Mentley Funeral Home Inc., 105 East Main Street in Gowanda. Funeral services will immediately follow on Friday at 12:00 PM from the funeral home. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Pine Hill Cemetery Association c/o Jill Smith, 35 North Chapel Street, Gowanda, NY 14070; or the Collins Fire Department, 2365 Main Street, Collins, NY 14034.

### Donald Baird Gile



Donald B. Gile, 81, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, February 16, 2024, at Heaton Woods in Montpelier. Born on October 27, 1942, in Barre City, he was the son of the late Roy M. and Olive (Baird) Gile. He was previously married to Charlanne Izor.

He attended Waterbury High School and in December 1959 he joined the U.S. Air Force. After serving four years of active duty, he returned to Waterbury. He began his working career at the Rock of Ages Corporation in Barre, working in the quarries. He later worked in construction for the E.F. Wall Company of Barre and the Vest Construction Company of Waterbury. For several years, he was in the Maintenance Department for the Sugarbush Inn in Warren. His last employer before retirement was Dynapower of South Burlington.

Don was a very active member of the Harry N. Cutting American Legion Post # 59 in Waterbury for 38 years and its Sons of the American Legion chapter for 25 years. For over 30 years, he held many positions at the local and state level. He was honored with a lifetime membership in 2023. He was a member of the Waterbury Fire Department & Rescue from 1970-1975, the Blush Hill Country Club in Waterbury, and he enjoyed skiing with his grandson. He also umpired many local baseball games over the years.

He is survived by his daughter Ann Gile Commo and her husband Mathew of Waterbury, two grandsons Damien and Taggart Gile of Waterbury, great-granddaughter Aubrey Gile of Waterbury, siblings Sandy Griffith and her husband

Rodney of Severn, Maryland, Sharon Talbert of Nashville, Tennessee, Melissa Osborne of South Berwick, Maine, David Gile and his wife Yumi of Merced, California; a sister-in-law Linda Gile of Provo, Utah; as well as extended family. He was predeceased by a brother, Wendal "Skip" Gile.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, friends are invited to join the family at Perkins-Parker Funeral Home in Waterbury from noon to 2 p.m. for a time of visitation. Afterward, are invited to the Harry N. Cutting American Legion Post #59 in Waterbury for a reception. Inurnment with military honors will take place at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph in the spring. For those who wish, memorial gifts in Donald's memory may be made to either Josh's House, 162 Hegeman Ave., Colchester VT, 05446, online at the [Josh Pallotta Fund](#), or [The Dodge House](#) 95 Crescent St., Rutland, VT, 05701.

To send online condolences please visit [perkinsparker.com](#).

### Parker Allen Brant



Parker Allen Brant "Shorty," 83, of Somerset, passed away peacefully at home on February 17, 2024. He was born on June 21, 1940 to the late John Parker and Irma Brant. He is also preceded in death by son, Mark Allen Brant. Shorty is survived by wife, Georganne Kerlin; daughter, Kenna Lea (Ronald Jr) Delano; brother, Telford (Betty) Brant; and stepdaughters, Katie (James) Shumaker and Breanna Zarefoss. He is also survived by grandchild, Brandon (Bethany) Delano, Aaron (Aryn) Delano and Ian Brant; great-grandchildren, Owen, Griffin, Dax, Rylee Delano; step-grandchildren, Alena, and Colton Shumaker; and special nephew Josh Smith and many loving nieces and nephews.

Shorty was a lifetime member of the Sons of the American Legion in Somerset, the VFW, and the Eagles. He was a crane operator for United Jo Physical Drilling and a truck driver for 36 years. He then retired from Berlin Lumber after 13 years. Shorty was an avid NASCAR Fan of Dale and Dale Jr, as well as a Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

He will be sadly missed by loved ones, his close friends and beloved cats, Chase and Lucky.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:30 pm on March 2, 2024 at the Somerset American Legion.

Arrangements by MILLER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY of Somerset.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.millerfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](#).

### Daniel R. Smith



Daniel (Dan) Smith, 81, of Furley passed away Sunday, February 18, 2024. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday February 23, 2024 at Lamb Funeral Home, Whitewater Kansas.

Dan was born January 1, 1943 in Wichita, KS to Jerome and Betty (Stubbs) Smith. He spent his early life in Moline and Sycamore, Kansas, eventually moving to Planeview, where he was surrounded by aunts, uncles, and many cousins. He attended West, South and Campus High schools. He joined the Air Force in 1961 and was stationed in Japan for four years during the Vietnam era.

Dan met Vivian (Brunn) Smith in Wichita, and they were married August 27, 1967. The couple settled in Furley, Kansas and made it their home for 57 years. Three children were born to the union: Danielle, Jason, and Nathan.

During his career, Dan was employed at all Wichita airplane factories. His final working home was with LearJet for 35 years until retirement. Dan's work history also included time as a sign painter for George Lay Signs, and he owned his own waterproofing company.

Dan was a devout Christian and lifelong student of the bible, becoming a member of Furley United Methodist Church. Dan also was a member of Sons of the American Legion and held many positions over his lifetime.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Vivian, children Danielle (Kent) Dodds of Andover; Jason (Sarah) Smith of Whitewater; and Nathan Smith of Derby; grandchildren William Smith, Darron Amon, Amanda Dodds, Toby Smith, Jason Smith Jr. and Cody Smith; brothers Jerome of Tucson, AZ; and Larry of Mill Creek, WA.

Services will be held Saturday February 24, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Furley



United Methodist Church, 11400 E 101st Street North (northeast corner of 101st Street & Greenwich Road). Burial will follow at Green Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to American Legion Post 65, PO Box 222 Whitewater, Kansas 67154.

#### John T. Everett



John T. Everett, loving husband and father, of East Liverpool, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 at Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Salem, surrounded by family. He was 83.

Born in Moss Point, Mississippi, John was the son of the late Nathan and Nell (Thompson) Everett. John graduated from Moss Point High School in 1958 but lived most of his life in East Liverpool. He was an electrician by trade and a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Locals, 903 of Pascagoula, Miss., 712 of Beaver, Pa., and 246 of Steubenville, Ohio.

He was a Past Master of East Liverpool Masonic Lodge #681, a member of the Valley of Steubenville Scottish Rite, Sons of the American Legion, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #258, Veterans of Foreign Wars and The Fraternal Order of Eagles of Wellsville. He was a former member of Avondale Baptist Church.

He loved the outdoors, manicuring his land to perfection, nurturing his vegetable gardens and growing flowers for his beloved wife. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son John T. Everett Jr.; brother Nathan C. Everett Jr. and his wife Dean; sister Gwen Clinton and her husband Sam and son-in-law Ronnie McArthur.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joyce L. (Hudock) Everett; three daughters, Melanie Everett McArthur of Moss Point, Miss., Kathy Woollard and her husband Tim of Vienna, W.Va., and Leigh Ann Scott and her husband Jimmy of Ocean Springs, Miss.; son Matthew Everett and his wife Jennifer of San Jose, Calif.; sister Mary Ann Everett of Ridgeland, Miss.; brother, Dr. Walter Everett and his wife Shirley of Ellisville, Miss., and many grandchildren and great-

grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly.

The family would like to thank the staff at Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the special care he received.

Friends may visit at the Riverview Cemetery Chapel on Saturday where the family will be present from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Pastor Norm Eckert will conduct a service at the cemetery chapel on Saturday at 11 a.m. Arrangements are entrusted to the Dawson Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to the East Liverpool Masonic Lodge #681, P.O. Box 2794, 422 Broadway St., East Liverpool, OH, 43920.

View John's memorial webpage and express condolences online at [www.dawsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.dawsonfuneralhome.com).

#### Paul J. Denzer



Paul J. Denzer passed away Friday, February 23, 2024 at Altecure of Bucyrus. He was born January 15, 1944 in Bucyrus, Ohio to

the late David D. and Gladys (Ward) Denzer. On December 30, 1963 he married Stella Louise Davey, the love of his life, who survives.

He is also survived by his daughters Dawn M. Clark (David) of Monnett, Ohio and Lori G. Denzer & partner, Kellye Pinkleton of Columbus, Ohio as well as three grandchildren, Brent M. Clark, Clint M. Clark, Kaylee M. Clark and two great-grandchildren, Stella Mae and Ellis. Surviving sisters are Mary J. Stoffer of Marion, Ohio, Ruth A. Brown of Marion and Carol J. Aurand of Bucyrus and half-brother Richard C. Wichterman of Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Ellen Davis, and brothers Roger E. Denzer and Ralph Denzer (infant).

Paul retired from the Bucyrus Police Department as detective lieutenant after 25 years of dedicated service. He worked 8 years as a Crawford County Common Pleas Court Bailiff and 6 years as a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy in courthouse security and served 3 years on the Bucyrus Civil Service Commission.

He attended Bucyrus schools until the family moved to Lebanon, Ohio where he graduated high school and then returned to Bucyrus to start a family and begin his

career. He attended numerous law enforcement classes at the Ohio State Patrol Academy and Ohio Police Officer's Academy. He was a life member of the Fraternal Order of Police and past President of F.O.P. Lodge 68 of Bucyrus and belonged to the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. He was an Officer of the Elks Lodge 156 and a member of the Moose 669 and Sons of the American Legion Post 181.

Paul, aka "Lurch," adored his wife, deeply loved his daughters and family, and spoiling his cat, Sami, until her passing in October, 2023. He was a faithful man of God, a servant to the community and a kind neighbor that would lend a helping hand whenever a need existed. He was a handsome devil in his uniform but equally sharp in suspenders slinging some brews volunteering at the annual Brat fest. He was happiest among family, friends, and his buddies like Pete (Carol) Hart on the force with a Bud in hand and a classic country song or Elvis in the background... or using his own talents to belt out his favorite song to sing, Luckenbach Texas. Whether singing or making a joke, he made people smile.

His wishes were to be cremated with burial at Bethel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made payable to the Humane Society Serving Crawford County and given through Wise Funeral Service in Bucyrus. Memories and photos can be shared in the guestbook on Paul's tribute page at [www.wisefuneral.com](http://www.wisefuneral.com).

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## Annual Washington Conference taking place Feb. 25-27

The American Legion | February 21, 2024

Legionnaires from across the nation and abroad will head to Washington, D.C., this weekend to hear from American Legion leadership, subject matter experts and U.S. government officials during the organization's 2024 Washington Conference, which will take place Feb. 25-27.

The conference will kick off Feb. 25 when the Legion's TBI/PTSD/Suicide Prevention Committee meets. The following day, various American Legion commissions and committees will meet, hearing from staff from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and other organizations and agencies.

Also, on Feb. 26 during the Commander's Call, conference attendees will receive briefings from members of Congress, VA staff, the military and Legion

leadership. The Commander's Call begins at 3 p.m. ET and can be streamed [here](#).

During the conference, American Legion Family members will head to Capitol Hill to meet with their representatives and senators, sharing [the Legion's legislative agenda](#) and other issues of importance to the Legion this year for Congress.

View a complete Washington Conference schedule, along with other information, [here](#).

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## Sports

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### 'Our goal is to get back': 2023 ALWS champs gear up for new season

Richard Walker | February 20, 2024

With 11 returning players from his 2023 American Legion World Series championship team, League City (Tex.) Post 554 coach Ronnie Oliver has high hopes for the 2024 season.

"We know to just get there two years in a row is tough," Oliver said of his team that became Texas' first ALWS champions last season. "We know we've got a big target on our back, and we've got our work cut out for us to get back there again. But we've got some returning players who know what it takes to get there and what it takes to win, so our goal is to get back to the World Series."

League City has a chance to join select company as they pursue a third straight ALWS appearance. Only nine teams have reached the ALWS three or more consecutive years:

- Billings, Mont. (1960-62).
- Rio Piedras, P.R. (1972-74).
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa (1974-76).

- Santa Monica, Calif. (1976-78).
- Boyertown, Pa. (1986-88).
- Brooklawn, N.J. (1998-2001 and 2011-15).
- Waipahu, Hawaii (2013-15).
- Randolph County, N.C. (2017-19).
- Idaho Falls, Idaho (2019, 2021, 2022; the 2020 ALWS was canceled due to the pandemic.)

“We’ve got some holes to fill but I’m optimistic about the ones coming back,” Oliver said. “If we fill some gaps, we’ll have a team to compete for it.”

Of the 11 returning players, five started in last year’s 1-0 championship game victory over Lincoln, Neb.: catcher Tyler Robinson, first baseman Brice Smith, third baseman Jackson Higgins, left fielder Erik Anchondo and designated hitter Scott Martinez.

Other returning players are Tyler Austin, Alec Beversdorf, Braden Castle, Alex Kudler, Logan Sanders, and James Shuttlesworth. Higgins (.387 in national competition last season), Smith (.310) and Martinez (.280) are the top returning hitters and Austin, Beversdorf, Castle and Shuttlesworth all got starts in the ALWS with Austin, Beversdorf, Castle, Martinez, and Smith logging innings on the mound. Higgins also was the 2023 ALWS all-tournament third baseman.

“Hopefully, some of these kids coming back that were backups will have maybe a year of college in them and will be improved,” Oliver said of his team. “I saw them at Christmas when we had a banquet and some of them have put on some muscle.

“I know we’ve got big holes to fill but they could fill some of them.”

George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year Jacob Cyr, the left-handed pitcher who threw two shutouts — including a no-hitter in the 2023 ALWS opener — is among the departed players. Also gone will be 2023 All-ALWS outfielder Kyeler Thompson, who scored the lone run in the title game.

Oliver knows he can’t control whether or not fortune shines favorably on his team this season.

“For me to watch what was going on last year was a blessing,” Oliver said. “It was something really great because I’ve had teams, they were even better or equal who didn’t make the right plays at the right time and get the right hits at the right time.

“That team was special. They played the game the right way. And, you know, everything bounced our way from state to regionals and then the World Series. It just seemed that everything clicked.”

Among the perks of winning the ALWS is a trip to the Major League World Series. League City were [special guests at Game 2](#) last October in Arlington, Texas.

For Oliver and his team, seeing the game was special but their off-field interactions may have meant more, including volunteering at a Play Ball clinic at the Texas Rangers Youth Academy.

“All the boys had a great time,” Oliver said. “I think they enjoyed the camp they got to work more than the actual game. They enjoyed the game, but they had a blast doing the camp.”

And for Oliver, he got to renew a longtime personal relationship as he’s known Diamondbacks’ bench coach Jeff Banister for more than 40 years.

“His dad (Bob) coached me (at La Marque, Tex., High School) and I know the whole family,” Oliver said. “So, it’s pretty cool to see somebody from your high school sitting on the bench in the World Series.”

## ‘Hangover’ actor Rob Riggle joins American Legion podcast

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Marine Corps veteran, “The Hangover” actor and comedian Rob Riggle talks about his service, work as an entertainer and more on this week’s episode of The American Legion [Tango Alpha Lima podcast](#). And you don’t want to miss the “involuntary balloon raise.”

Riggle, a retired lieutenant colonel, served for 23 years and earned more than 20 medals and ribbons. His deployments include Albania, Kosovo, Liberia, and Afghanistan.

“I wouldn’t trade a thing. I would take all the pain, all the mistakes, all the blunders, all the foolish things I may or may not have done,” said Riggle, a member of American Legion Post 43 in Hollywood, Calif. “I wouldn’t trade it because that is how you grow. I don’t know anyone who was born perfect.”

In addition to “The Hangover,” his movie credits include “Dumb and Dumber To,” “The Other Guys,”

“Let's Be Cops,” and “Step Brothers.” He has served as a correspondent on Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show” (2006-08) and as a key player on “Saturday Night Live” (2004-05).

Riggle recalls a time when he was about to depart for a “Daily Show” gig as part of a USO tour to the Forward Operating Bases around Iraq and Kuwait. “We were out there in the tip of the spear, which I think was kind of fun because those soldiers and Marines don’t generally get USO shows,” he said.

Before they departed, Jon Stewart pulled Riggle aside to ask what his plans were. Riggle explained that he planned to do his stand-up act and some comedy sketches, to which Stewart offered some advice.

“Talk to them about their life. That’s what they want to hear about.”

Riggle set the advice aside and stuck to his original plan for the first show in Kuwait. “It wasn’t like a bomb, but I don’t think it rocked,” he remembered. “So, I went back and sat down and wrote out 15 things about their life. I did it the next night and it just killed. You just have to talk to them about what matters to them. It made a huge difference. That’s the best advice I ever got.”

In addition to restarting his own podcast, Riggle recently completed shooting two movies. He is also a co-commentator on ABC’s extreme mini-golf series “Holey Moley.”

“We all need a purpose and mine is acting and comedy,” he said. “I feel like I contribute that way.”

Additionally, co-hosts Ashley Gutermuth and Stacy Pearsall also:

- Correct a misconception about younger veterans and whether they are a fit with The American Legion.
- Discuss what common foods were invented by the military.
- Riff on why ants don’t have lungs.
- Reveal which branch was the most common among the 31 presidents with military service.

Check out this week’s episode, which is among more than 220 Tango Alpha Lima podcasts available [in both audio and video formats here](#). You can also download episodes on Apple Podcasts, Google Play,

or other major podcast-hosting sites. The video version is available at [the Legion’s YouTube channel](#).



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## 2024 SAL Membership Report: February 22, 2024

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 80% TARGET 3/13/2024	2024 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-327	1,616	100.31%	84.28
2	HAWAII	120	-24	120	100.00%	89.92
3	PUERTO RICO	156	-24	149	95.51%	89.54
4	FRANCE	168	-26	160	95.24%	83.13
5	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	-161	1,021	94.98%	85.11
6	WISCONSIN	4,398	-651	4,169	94.79%	84.03
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-189	1,445	92.04%	76.96
8	FLORIDA	23,066	-2,743	21,196	91.89%	76.53
9	IOWA	4,914	-426	4,357	88.67%	80.99
10	OREGON	1,534	-128	1,355	88.33%	72.78
11	RHODE ISLAND	348	-27	305	87.64%	74.64
12	MARYLAND	16,803	-1,273	14,715	87.57%	79.64
13	OHIO	31,690	-2,256	27,608	87.12%	80.10
14	ILLINOIS	13,716	-883	11,856	86.44%	79.99
15	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	-380	5,202	86.31%	76.35
16	MICHIGAN	26,236	-1,651	22,640	86.29%	77.06
17	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	-3,896	54,093	86.21%	79.99
18	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-113	1,605	86.06%	75.17
19	NEBRASKA	6,992	-402	5,996	85.76%	81.22
20	ARIZONA	8,595	-484	7,360	85.63%	71.05
21	NEW YORK	30,663	-1,688	26,218	85.50%	78.01
22	MINNESOTA	11,435	-571	9,719	84.99%	78.53
23	LOUISIANA	1,821	-89	1,546	84.90%	78.21
24	VERMONT	3,920	-192	3,328	84.90%	78.84
25	NEW MEXICO	1,582	-69	1,335	84.39%	66.71
26	ALABAMA	2,100	-90	1,770	84.29%	72.60
27	INDIANA	37,244	-1,453	31,248	83.90%	77.36
28	GEORGIA	4,887	-177	4,087	83.63%	72.69
29	DIST OF COL	91	-3	76	83.52%	76.14
30	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	-93	2,309	83.36%	68.85
31	VIRGINIA	4,367	-136	3,630	83.12%	71.98
32	TENNESSEE	1,792	-54	1,488	83.04%	69.06
33	MISSISSIPPI	736	-18	607	82.47%	71.00
34	MAINE	2,757	-47	2,253	81.72%	72.55
35	DELAWARE	2,596	-39	2,116	81.51%	72.60
36	TEXAS	5,783	-79	4,705	81.36%	69.59
37	WYOMING	1,248	-15	1,013	81.17%	71.76
38	KANSAS	6,055	-69	4,913	81.14%	74.49
39	ALASKA	1,740	-16	1,408	80.92%	66.74
40	IDAHO	659	-4	531	80.58%	60.67
41	CALIFORNIA	11,292	16	9,018	79.86%	68.48
42	COLORADO	2,952	9	2,353	79.71%	68.41
43	NEW JERSEY	9,662	55	7,675	79.43%	70.93
44	MONTANA	1,091	10	863	79.10%	74.14
45	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	58	4,288	78.94%	71.14
46	ARKANSAS	406	7	318	78.33%	62.41
47	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	54	2,020	77.90%	68.00
48	UTAH	460	10	358	77.83%	66.00
49	WASHINGTON	2,682	73	2,073	77.29%	61.65
50	MISSOURI	3,337	116	2,554	76.54%	68.31
51	LATIN AMERICA	33	1	25	75.76%	37.50
52	NEVADA	387	36	274	70.80%	60.45
53	OKLAHOMA	1,430	139	1,005	70.28%	57.11
54	KENTUCKY	2,399	302	1,617	67.40%	57.53
55	PHILIPPINES	79	19	44	55.70%	53.16
Grand Totals:		382,111	-20,064	325,753	85.25%	76.57



## 2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region - James R. Fischer, Sr. (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	120	120	100.00%
OREGON	1,534	1,355	88.33%
ARIZONA	8,595	7,360	85.63%
NEW MEXICO	1,582	1,335	84.39%
WYOMING	1,248	1,013	81.17%
ALASKA	1,740	1,408	80.92%
IDAHO	659	531	80.58%
CALIFORNIA	11,292	9,018	79.86%
COLORADO	2,952	2,353	79.71%
MONTANA	1,091	863	79.10%
UTAH	460	358	77.83%
WASHINGTON	2,682	2,073	77.29%
LATIN AMERICA	33	25	75.76%
NEVADA	387	274	70.80%
PHILIPPINES	79	44	55.70%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>34,454</b>	<b>28,130</b>	<b>81.65%</b>

Southeast Region - Linwood A. Moore (VA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	156	149	95.51%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	1,445	92.04%
FLORIDA	23,066	21,196	91.89%
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,546	84.90%
ALABAMA	2,100	1,770	84.29%
GEORGIA	4,887	4,087	83.63%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	2,309	83.36%
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TENNESSEE	1,792	1,488	83.04%
MISSISSIPPI	736	607	82.47%
TEXAS	5,783	4,705	81.36%
ARKANSAS	406	318	78.33%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>49,454</b>	<b>43,250</b>	<b>87.46%</b>

Midwest Region - Terry A. Harris (KS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	1,616	100.31%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	1,021	94.98%
IOWA	4,914	4,357	88.67%
NEBRASKA	6,992	5,996	85.76%
KANSAS	6,055	4,913	81.14%
MISSOURI	3,337	2,554	76.54%
OKLAHOMA	1,430	1,005	70.28%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>21,462</b>	<b>84.45%</b>

Northeast Region - John R. Cook (NH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	168	160	95.24%
RHODE ISLAND	348	305	87.64%
MARYLAND	16,803	14,715	87.57%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	5,202	86.31%
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	54,093	86.21%
CONNECTICUT	1,865	1,605	86.06%
NEW YORK	30,663	26,218	85.50%
VERMONT	3,920	3,328	84.90%
DIST OF COL	91	76	83.52%
MAINE	2,757	2,253	81.72%
DELAWARE	2,596	2,116	81.51%
NEW JERSEY	9,662	7,675	79.43%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	4,288	78.94%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>143,078</b>	<b>122,034</b>	<b>85.29%</b>

Central Region - Robert L. Bristo (MN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,398	4,169	94.79%
OHIO	31,690	27,608	87.12%
ILLINOIS	13,716	11,856	86.44%
MICHIGAN	26,236	22,640	86.29%
MINNESOTA	11,435	9,719	84.99%
INDIANA	37,244	31,248	83.90%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	2,020	77.90%
KENTUCKY	2,399	1,617	67.40%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>129,711</b>	<b>110,877</b>	<b>85.48%</b>

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02/22/24		NATIONAL   Donald "JR" Hall, Jr. (MD)   National Commander					
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Southeast 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	49,454	43,250	(6,204)	87.46%	245		
2 Central 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	129,711	110,877	(18,834)	85.48%	1,116		
3 Northeast 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	143,078	122,034	(21,044)	85.29%	988		
4 Midwest 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	25,414	21,462	(3,952)	84.45%	252		
5 Western 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	34,454	28,130	(6,324)	81.65%	447		
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>382,111</b>	<b>325,753</b>	<b>(56,358)</b>	<b>85.25%</b>	<b>3,048</b>		

02/22/24		CENTRAL REGION   Robert L. Bristo (MN)   National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,398	4,169	(229)	94.79%	51	6	84.03%		
2 Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	31,690	27,608	(4,082)	87.12%	501	13	80.10%		
3 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	13,716	11,856	(1,860)	86.44%	58	14	79.99%		
4 Michigan 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	26,236	22,640	(3,596)	86.29%	220	16	77.06%		
5 Minnesota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,435	9,719	(1,716)	84.99%	13	22	78.53%		
6 Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	37,244	31,248	(5,996)	83.90%	261	27	77.36%		
7 West Virginia 1, 5, 6	2,593	2,020	(573)	77.90%	8	47	68.00%		
8 Kentucky 1, 4	2,399	1,617	(782)	67.40%	4	54	57.53%		
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>129,711</b>	<b>110,877</b>	<b>(18,834)</b>	<b>85.48%</b>	<b>1,116</b>				

02/22/24		WESTERN REGION   James A. Fischer Sr. (CA)   National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Hawaii 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	120	120	-	100.00%	-	2	89.92%	02/05/24	
2 Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,534	1,355	(179)	88.33%	20	10	72.78%		
3 Arizona 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	8,595	7,360	(1,235)	85.63%	148	20	71.05%		
4 New Mexico 5, 6, 7	1,582	1,335	(247)	84.39%	-	25	66.71%		
5 Wyoming 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,248	1,013	(235)	81.17%	2	37	71.76%		
6 Alaska 3, 7	1,740	1,408	(332)	80.92%	89	39	66.74%		
7 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	659	531	(128)	80.58%	23	40	60.67%		
8 California 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	11,292	9,018	(2,274)	79.86%	111	41	68.48%		
9 Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	2,952	2,353	(599)	79.71%	13	42	68.41%		
10 Montana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1,091	863	(228)	79.10%	1	44	74.14%		
11 Utah 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	460	358	(102)	77.83%	3	48	66.00%		
12 Washington 4, 5	2,682	2,073	(609)	77.29%	37	49	61.65%		
13 Latin America 4, 6	33	25	(8)	75.76%	-	51	37.50%		
14 Nevada 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	387	274	(113)	70.80%	-	52	60.45%		
15 Philippines	79	44	(35)	55.70%	-	55	53.16%		
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>34,454</b>	<b>28,130</b>	<b>(6,324)</b>	<b>81.65%</b>	<b>447</b>				

02/22/24		SOUTHEAST REGION   Linwood A. Moore (VA)   National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	156	149	(7)	95.51%	-	3	89.54%		
2 South Carolina 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,570	1,445	(125)	92.04%	4	7	76.96%		
3 Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	23,066	21,196	(1,870)	91.89%	148	8	76.53%		
4 Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,821	1,546	(275)	84.90%	2	23	78.21%		
5 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,100	1,770	(330)	84.29%	9	26	72.60%		
6 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,887	4,087	(800)	83.63%	5	28	72.69%		
7 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,770	2,309	(461)	83.36%	23	30	68.85%		
8 Virginia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,367	3,630	(737)	83.12%	18	31	71.98%		
9 Tennessee 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,792	1,488	(304)	83.04%	10	32	69.06%		
10 Mississippi 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	736	607	(129)	82.47%	1	33	71.00%		
12 Texas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	5,783	4,705	(1,078)	81.36%	24	36	69.59%		
13 Arkansas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	406	318	(88)	78.33%	1	46	62.41%		
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>47,728</b>	<b>41,656</b>	<b>(6,072)</b>	<b>87.28%</b>	<b>93</b>				

02/22/24		MIDWEST REGION   Terry A. Harris (KS)   National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,611	1,616	5	100.31%	6	1	84.28%	02/22/24	
2 North Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,075	1,021	(54)	94.98%	10	5	85.11%		
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,914	4,357	(557)	88.67%	59	9	80.99%		
4 Nebraska 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	6,992	5,996	(996)	85.76%	88	19	81.22%		
5 Kansas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	6,055	4,913	(1,142)	81.14%	41	38	74.49%		
6 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,337	2,554	(783)	76.54%	42	50	68.31%		
7 Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,430	1,005	(425)	70.28%	6	53	57.11%		
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>21,462</b>	<b>(3,952)</b>	<b>84.45%</b>	<b>252</b>				

02/22/24		NORTHEAST REGION   John R. Cook (NH)   National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	168	160	(8)	95.24%	-	4	83.13%		
2 Rhode Island 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	348	305	(43)	87.64%	-	11	74.64%		
3 Maryland 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	16,803	14,715	(2,088)	87.57%	110	12	79.64%		
4 New Hampshire 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	6,027	5,202	(825)	86.31%	(19)	15	76.65%		
5 Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7	62,746	54,093	(8,653)	86.21%	480	17	79.99%		
6 Connecticut 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,865	1,605	(260)	86.06%	22	18	75.17%		
7 New York 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	30,663	26,218	(4,445)	85.50%	165	21	78.01%		
8 Vermont 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	3,920	3,328	(592)	84.90%	67	24	78.84%		
9 Dist. of Columbia 4, 7	91	76	(15)	83.52%	-	29	76.14%		
10 Maine 5, 6, 7	2,757	2,253	(504)	81.72%	67	34	72.55%		
11 Delaware 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,596	2,116	(480)	81.51%	15	35	72.60%		
12 New Jersey 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	9,662	7,675	(1,987)	79.43%	40	43	70.93%		
13 Massachusetts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	5,432	4,288	(1,144)	78.94%	41	45	71.14%		
<b>TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>143,078</b>	<b>122,034</b>	<b>(21,044)</b>	<b>85.29%</b>	<b>988</b>				

02/22/24		2024 SUPER SIX STANDINGS							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	23,066	21,196	(1,870)	91.89%	148	8	76.53%		
2 Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	31,690	27,608	(4,082)	87.12%	501	13	80.10%		
3 Michigan 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	26,236	22,640	(3,596)	86.29%	220	16	77.06%		
4 Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7	62,746	54,093	(8,653)	86.21%	480	17	79.99%		
5 New York 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	30,663	26,218	(4,445)	85.50%	165	21	78.01%		
6 Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	37,244	31,248	(5,996)	83.90%	261	27	77.36%		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>211,645</b>	<b>183,003</b>	<b>(28,642)</b>	<b>86.47%</b>	<b>1,775</b>				

<b>National Totals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>382,111</b>	<b>325,753</b>	<b>(56,358)</b>	<b>85.25%</b>	<b>3,048</b>		<b>76.57%</b>		
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02/22/24		2024 LEADERSHIP STANDINGS							
Detachment	Det	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Commander Hall	Maryland	16,803	14,715	(2,088)	87.57%	12	79.64%		
2 Vice-Commander Cook	New Hampshire	6,027	5,202	(825)	86.31%	15	76.35%		
3 Trailing Candidate Clancy	New York	30,663	26,218	(4,445)	85.50%	21	78.01%		
4 Vice-Commander Bristo	Minnesota	11,435	9,719	(1,716)	84.99%	22	78.53%		
5 Leading Candidate Navaratte	New Mexico	1,582	1,335	(247)	84.39%	25	66.71%		
6 Vice-Commander Moore	Virginia	4,367	3,630	(737)	83.12%	31	71.98%		
7 Vice-Commander Harris	Kansas	6,055	4,913	(1,142)	81.14%	38	74.49%		
8 Vice-Commander Fischer	California	11,292	9,018	(2,274)	79.86%	41	68.48%		



2024 National Membership Target Dates			
1 September 13, 2023	10%	6 ♥ February 14, 2024 ♥	75%
2 October 18, 2023	25%	7 March 13, 2024	80%
3 November 15, 2023	35%	8 April 10, 2024	90%
4 December 13, 2023	45%	9 May 15, 2024	100%
5 January 18, 2024	60%	10 July 24, 2024 (DSTG)	105%



# SAMPLE National Rejoin Letter



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Dear xxx,

### *We Want You Back!*

When you joined the Sons of The American Legion, you chose to stand strong for veterans, their families, and your community. You picked the Sons of The American Legion because we have a long-standing history of supporting and staying compassionate to millions of veterans and their families.

I know you care about the programs and activities of the Sons of The American Legion. That is why I'm inviting you to rejoin the Sons at, <Insert Post Name>, Squadron #XXX.

A brochure application explaining "Why I belong" is enclosed.

We want you to know that your membership is valuable to us so, that is why we are welcoming you back. Please complete the enclosed application and mail it along with your dues to:

Membership Chairman Name

Address

City, State Zip Code

The 2024 annual dues are \$XX. Make your check payable to SAL Squadron #XXX.

With thousands of soldiers now returning from active duty overseas and rejoining civilian life, the Sons of The American Legion is needed more than ever. And, that means you are needed now more than ever.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

We look forward to you, once again, being a part of the Sons of The American Legion!

In Service for God and Country,

<Your Name>

Sons of The American Legion

Membership Chairman

Squadron #XXX

[Email address](#)

Phone #XXX-XXX-XXXX

## SAMPLE New Member Letter



### \_\_\_\_ SQUADRON #\_\_\_\_ SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

On behalf of the officers and membership, I would like to thank you for joining the Sons of The American Legion and welcome you to our Squadron. Contained below is a brief overview of our organization which we hope will further your knowledge of our organization, thus encouraging you to become an active and long-term member.

We are more than just another organization, we are “Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage”, as stated in the preamble to our Constitution. We are direct male descendants of Veterans from WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Panama, Grenada, the Persian Gulf, and now the war on Terrorism. This is indeed something to be Proud of, and you have honored the service of your parent or grandparent by signing up as a member and becoming a part of The American Legion Family.

Our membership dues assist in fighting for veterans’ benefits, providing funds to the National Organization, which keeps staff in Washington D.C. and lobbies on behalf of our veterans. They also help support many children and youth programs both locally and nationally, Americanism programs, and Veterans Rehabilitation efforts. Along with assisting at the National level, we conduct many local programs and activities that benefit children, Veterans, and our community and promote Americanism.

There are also many benefits that membership provides including rental car discounts, motel/hotel discounts, prescription drug and eyewear discounts, and DISH Network discounts. As a paid-up member you are eligible for a no-cost L.I.T. accidental death life insurance policy and could be eligible for a grant from The American Legion National Emergency Fund in the event of a local disaster. You can learn more about programs and the benefits of membership at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

Thank you again for becoming a member of the Sons of The American Legion and showing your support of our Nation's Veterans, past, present and future.

Sincerely,

Peter B. LaVoice  
Adjutant / Finance Officer

## **SAMPLE Member Renewal Letter**



***Squadron #***  
***Renewal time for Your Dues***  
***Due on Receipt***

***Mail to:***

*Again it is time to renew your membership dues. Let me thank you for being a member of S.A.L. and for all the support you give to our Veterans their families and our community's. You should be very proud to be a member of The Sons of the American Legion and your membership is very important to us.*

*Remember you honor your family member by paying your dues on time. Your dues are the life blood of the S.A.L this is the startup money we need to support all the programs we have.*

*There are many benefits you get by being a Member of the Sons of the American Legion. Discounts at Sears, CVS Pharmacy, Lens Crafters and many more.*

*Contact your local Squadron Commander for more info.*

*Thank You for your Support.*

*Cut and send bottom portion to address above*

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone#:

Date of Birth:



## **SAMPLE Thank You for Renewing Letter**

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #\_\_**



Thank you for deciding to join our membership in this great organization.

The mission of the Sons of The American Legion is to support veterans and their families and the policies of our parent organization, The American Legion. Virtually everything that involves the Sons could be grouped under three areas:

- 1) support for veterans and their families,
- 2) promoting patriotism and Americanism and
- 3) promoting programs that benefit the youth of our country.

Here at Squadron 36, one of the ways we accomplish this is by raising funds and donating to causes that support our veterans, their families, and our community. Supporting locally to places like Arizona Fisher House, located here in Tucson on the campus of the VA Hospital. And Books to the Rescue, a charity that places backpacks full of books and toys in law enforcement vehicles to comfort children when officers respond to family calls of domestic violence or other stressful situations. The Community Food Bank is another charity we support. And national programs like The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, which provides grants to other children's charities nationwide.

We also participate in numerous events that honor our veterans, both past and present. Ceremonies like Wreaths Across America, placing wreaths at the graves of fallen military. And Memorial Day ceremonies honoring veterans with American flags placed at their graves. The distribution of "GI Josh Dogs", a family comfort tool in the form of a stuffed animal given to deploying military personnel and their families.

Whatever your reason for joining us, we once again want to thank you for your membership and are grateful for any participation you choose to engage in throughout your time as a member. I urge you to familiarize yourself with our programs and our events. You just might find something you really enjoy, that allows you to give back to our nation's veterans, their families, or our community. Welcome!

Sincerely

Commander Squadron #\_\_  
Sons of The American Legion

# SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND HONOR THE GREATEST GENERATION

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the charities of Sons of The American Legion



If you would like to show your support for our troops each week with our RED shirt, or honor and remember the Greatest Generation with our Kilroy shirt, act now, these won't be available for long, and are selling quickly.

Adult Sizes	SM	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL & Up
	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
RED						
Kilroy						
Total						

Total

\$

Shipping

\$

9.95

Grand Total

\$

Ship to:

Return this form along with check to

Jeff Vrabel Sr.

2222 Birch Bark Trail

Grove City, Ohio 43123-8512

Please allow a minimum of two weeks for processing





**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF)  
DONATIONS REPORT**



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DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,566	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 2,100.00	81.8%	\$ 0.82
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	23,326	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 16,102.00	69.0%	\$ 0.69
FR - FRANCE	\$ 400.00	166	\$ 166.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,860	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 730.00	15.0%	\$ 0.15
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KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,957	\$ 5,957.00	\$ 740.00	12.4%	\$ 0.12
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,378	\$ 2,378.00	\$ 500.00	21.0%	\$ 0.21
LT - LATIN AMERICA (MEX)	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,793	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 1,933.00	107.8%	\$ 1.08
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,757	\$ 2,757.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,708	\$ 16,708.00	\$ 2,570.00	15.4%	\$ 0.15
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,372	\$ 5,372.00	\$ 5,776.29	107.5%	\$ 1.08
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	26,275	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 6,213.00	23.6%	\$ 0.24
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,311	\$ 11,311.00	\$ 5,684.00	50.3%	\$ 0.50
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	730	\$ 730.00	\$ 972.26	133.2%	\$ 1.33
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,368	\$ 3,368.00	\$ 250.00	7.4%	\$ 0.07
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,071	\$ 1,071.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,926	\$ 6,926.00	\$ 100.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	395	\$ 395.00	\$ 3,837.00	971.4%	\$ 9.71
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	6,154	\$ 6,154.00	\$ 3,435.82	55.8%	\$ 0.56
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,885	\$ 9,885.00	\$ 5,688.00	57.5%	\$ 0.58
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 4,930.00	1,642	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 1,100.00	67.0%	\$ 0.67
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	30,695	\$ 30,695.00	\$ 4,816.00	15.7%	\$ 0.16
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,720	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 1,258.50	46.3%	\$ 0.46
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,058	\$ 1,058.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,419	\$ 31,419.00	\$ 19,659.00	62.6%	\$ 0.63
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,421	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 22.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,541	\$ 1,541.00	\$ 1,407.00	91.3%	\$ 0.91
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	62,403	\$ 62,403.00	\$ 16,576.28	26.6%	\$ 0.27
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00		0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	348	\$ 348.00	\$ 650.00	186.8%	\$ 1.87
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,578	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,155.00	136.6%	\$ 1.37
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,611	\$ 1,611.00		0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,769	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 4,461.60	252.2%	\$ 2.52
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,669.14	5,769	\$ 5,769.00	\$ 9,350.00	162.1%	\$ 1.62
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	457	\$ 457.00	\$ 300.00	65.6%	\$ 0.66
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,874	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 1,500.00	38.7%	\$ 0.39
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,384	\$ 4,384.00	\$ 12,137.00	276.8%	\$ 2.77
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,702	\$ 2,702.00	\$ 60.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,603	\$ 2,603.00	\$ 3,025.00	116.2%	\$ 1.16
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,358	\$ 4,358.00	\$ 500.00	11.5%	\$ 0.11
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,236	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 650.00	52.6%	\$ 0.53
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ 1,498.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 425,060.55</b>	<b>380,743</b>	<b>\$ 380,743.00</b>	<b>\$ 206,063.75</b>	<b>54.1%</b>	<b>\$ 0.54</b>







SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF)  
DONATIONS BY REGION



Detachment	2023 Donations (revised-final)	2023 Membership (final)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>						
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,867	\$ 1,867.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
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TOTAL:	\$ 101,087.99	128,382	\$ 128,382.00	\$ 40,661.00	31.7%	\$ 0.32

<b>WESTERN REGION</b>						
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TOTAL:	\$ 102,120.73	49,564	\$ 49,564.00	\$ 49,319.36	99.5%	\$ 1.00

<b>MIDWEST REGION</b>						
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ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,058	\$ 1,058.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,421	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 22.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,611	\$ 1,611.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TOTAL:	\$ 17,946.66	25,241	\$ 25,241.00	\$ 1,312.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05

NATIONAL HQ:	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ 1,498.00		
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 425,060.55	380,743	\$ 380,743.00	\$ 206,063.75	54.1%	\$ 0.54

SAL DONATIONS AS OF: FEBRUARY 16, 2024						
2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: DECEMBER 31, 2023 (FINAL)						



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF)  
DONATION FORM



For the Betterment of All Children

☐ Yes! I will make a contribution to help America's children.

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 Other Amt. \$

Please make checks payable to: "The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation"

Name

Address

City  State  Zip

Email  Phone

Thank you so much for your contribution!

**NOTE:** Mail this form with your check to:

The American Legion Donation Processing  
P.O. Box 1954  
Indianapolis, IN 46206





# American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

*"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"*

## 100% Per Capita Banner Program

### Request Form

2023 – 2024

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, American Legion Riders chapter or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2023-2024 year a post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2023. The post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon has from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2023:

Total enclosed: \$

#### Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

**ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2024**





## **We want you and your family!**

**To be a part of:**

- **something bigger than yourself**
- **an organization that lets you know you are wanted**
- **an organization that honors those who have served and sacrificed**
- **one of the nation's largest supporters for children and youth programs**



The Sons of The American Legion was established in 1932 to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans and active service members. Our mission is to assist the American Legion wherever and however possible. The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans service organization.

Along with assisting with Legion efforts, the Sons of the American Legion also hold and host our own events designed to support our veterans and active service members, our children and youth and give back to the community.

We are here to make sure our veterans will always be remembered, and their legacy will continue. We work to instill patriotism, respect, honor, and knowledge into our youth to help make them the Americans worth serving and sacrificing for.

To be eligible, you must be a male descendant of a veteran, who is a member of the American Legion or is deceased but was American Legion eligible themselves. You can be as active as you want. Some members choose to just pay their annual dues. Others choose to get involved in as many or as few of the events that the SAL/Legion family is involved with. There is a local squadron near you!!

Attached is a list of what the Sons of The American Legion have accomplished as a national organization. This informs you to as where your money goes and how you make a difference.

## **For questions and inquiries feel free to contact:**

[Name/Position]

[Phone]

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